

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a signal processing apparatus, a speech coder includes, as three sections for coding speech data by different algorithm, an Algorithm-A coding section, an 5 Algorithm-B coding section and an Algorithm-C coding section. A noise suppressor includes, as three sections for suppressing background noise by different algorithm, an Algorithm-X noise suppress section, an Algorithm-Y noise suppress section and an Algorithm-Z 10 noise suppress section. A suppress algorithm switching control section controls switching on the basis of information from a coding algorithm switching control section such that an optimal one of the noise suppress sections may function in association with the coding 15 section activated in the speech coder.

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